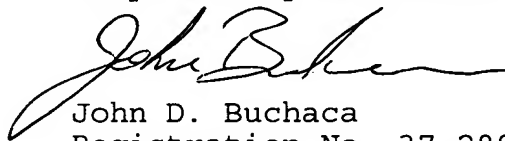


condition for allowance.

Please note applicant has added dependent Claims 21-31. Claims 21-23 are dependent from allowable independent Claim 3 and contain language from originally filed Claims 14, 10 and 15 respectively. Claims 24-30 are dependent from allowable Claim 10 and contain language from the original Claims 2, 15, 14, 3, 4, 5, 6 respectively. Claim 31 is dependent from allowable Claim 15 and contains language from originally filed Claim 14. Therefore, no new matter has been added. Because all the claims are dependent on allowable independent Claims, they, in turn, should be allowable as well.

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ATTACHMENT 1

Marked Up Version of the Claims

1 3. (Twice Amended) A device for locating an item packaged in a
2 container among potentially obscuring protective material, said
3 device comprises:

4 an elongated flexible tether extractably loaded upon a
5 dispenser anchorable to said container;

6 wherein said tether comprises a first end connected to
7 a [fasterner] fastener attachable to said item;

8 wherein said dispenser comprises a stratified body
9 having a bottom adhesive layer and a top layer.

1 4. (Once Amended) The device of [Claims] Claim 3, wherein said
2 tether is formed integrally with said top layer.

1 5. (Once Amended) The device of [Claims] Claim 4, wherein said
2 tether further comprises a plurality of undulations thereby
3 forming a resiliency enhancing structure.

1 6. (Once Amended) The device of [Claims] Claim 3 which further
2 comprises said top layer being shaped to form a weakened bond
3 between said tether and a remainder portion of said top layer.

1 7. (Once Amended) The device of [Claims] Claim 6, wherein said
2 weakened bond comprises an aperture separating a portion of said
3 tether from said remainder portion.

1 8. (Once Amended) The device of [Claims] Claim 4, wherein said
2 top layer is formed from a single piece of flexible sheet
3 material.

1 9. (Once Amended) The device of [Claims] Claim 8, wherein said
2 flexible sheet material is selected from the group consisting of
3 an elastomeric, vinyl, or latex rubber.

1 10. (Twice Amended) A device for locating an [item] item
2 packaged in a container among potentially obscuring protective
3 material, said device comprises:

4 an elongated flexible tether extractably loaded upon a
5 dispenser anchorable to said container;

6 wherein said tether is separable into one or more
7 subtethers.

1 11. (Twice Amended) A device for locating an [item] item
2 packaged in a container among potentially obscuring protective
3 material, said device comprises:

4 an elongated flexible tether extractably loaded upon a
5 dispenser anchorable to said container;

6 [wherein] wherein said tether comprises a first end
7 connected to a fastener attachable to said item; and

8 wherein said fastener comprises a widened portion of
9 said tether into a sheet-like pad.

1 12. (Once Amended) The device of [Claims] Claim 11, wherein

2 said pad is shaped to form an attachment eye through said pad.

1 13. (Once Amended) The device of [Claims] Claim 11, wherein
2 said device further comprises an adhesive disk formed on a first
3 surface of said pad.

1 15. (Twice Amended) A device for locating an [item] item
2 packaged in a container among potentially obscuring protective
3 material, said device comprises:

4 an elongated flexible tether extractably loaded upon a
5 dispenser anchorable to said container;

6 wherein said tether comprises a first end connected to
7 a fastener attachable to said item; and

8 wherein said tether is adapted to carry an electrical
9 signal indicating connection of said fastener to said item.

Please add the following Claims 21-31.

1 21. The device of Claim 3, wherein said dispenser further
2 comprises a badge adapted to carry item identification
3 information.

1 22. (Added) The device of Claim 3, wherein said tether is
2 separable into one or more subtethers.

1 23. (Added) The device of Claim 3, wherein said tether is
2 adapted to carry an electrical signal indicating connection of
3 said fastener to said item.

24. (Added) The device of Claim 10, wherein a first one of said subtethers comprises a first end connected to a fastener attachable to said item.

25. (Added) The device of Claim 24, wherein said first one of said subtethers is adapted to carry an electrical signal indicating connection of said fastener to said item.

26. (Added) The device of Claim 10, wherein said dispenser further comprises a badge adapted to carry item identification information.

27. (Added) The device of Claim 10, wherein said dispenser comprises a stratified body having a bottom layer and a top layer.

28. (Added) The device of Claim 27, wherein said tether is formed integrally with said top layer.

29. (Added) The device of Claim 28, wherein said tether further comprises a plurality of undulations thereby forming a resiliency enhancing structure.

30. (Added) The device of Claim 27 which further comprises said top layer being shaped to form a weakened bond between said tether and a remainder portion of said top layer.

31. (Added) The device of Claim 15, wherein said dispenser
further comprises a badge adapted to carry item identification
information.